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TAGS: ENRG, IS

SUBJECT: ASHDOD OIL FIND

1. GOI PRESS OFFICE ISSUED FOLLOWING BULLETIN MAY 12, AFTER MEDIA HAD REPORTED DISCOVERY OF OIL IN OUTSKIRTS OF ISRAELI PORT OF ASHDOD:

2. " (JERUSALEM) - FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATIONS, THE OPERATOR OF 'ASHDOD 2' WELL -- THE OIL EXPLORATION (INVESTMENTS) CO., LTD., ANNOUNCES:

IN THE EARLY MORNING OF TUESDAY 11 MAY 1976, A CORE OF DOLOMITE ROCK CONTAINING TRACES OF OIL WAS EXTRACTED FROM 'ASHDOD 2' WELL AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 2,580 M.

THE COMPANY EXPERTS IMMEDIATELY INITIATED PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE FIND AND THE ENGINEERING CONDITION OF THE DRILL HOLE. THESE EXAMINATIONS ARE BOUND TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

THE COMPANY MANAGEMENT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT,  
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AT THE PRESENT STAGE, IT CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER

THE TRACES FOUND DO INDEED INDICATE A FIND OF COMMERCIAL  
DIMENSIONS. ON THE COMPLETION OF THE EXAMINATIONS, THE  
COMPANY WILL PUBLISH AN AUTHORIZED STATEMENTS."  
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